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**PATENT APPLICATION**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Shiro HAMADA

Art Unit: 1725

Application No.: 10/089,063

Examiner: Maria Alexandra Elve

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For: LASER DRILLING METHOD AND DRILLING APPARATUS

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

September 22, 2003

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 20, 2003, with September 20, 2003 falling on a Saturday, please consider the remarks as set forth below. This response complies with the amendment format as set forth in 68 Fed. Reg. 38611 dated June 30, 2003.

**Remarks are submitted on page 2.**